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EXAMINER:

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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

Reference AO (JP 11-327373) on Form PTO-1449 is discussed in the specification.



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228935US2	10/259,322	09/30/02	TANAKA
229685US2	10/274,882	10/22/02	AKIYOSHI
232184US2	10/327,938	12/26/02	OHISHI et al.
232387US2	10/334,828	01/02/03	OHISHI et al.
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